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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Addendum to Proposed DDCI Statement
Before Congressional Sub-Committee

As you will recall, the draft of the statement we proposed for use in presenting the Agency's Fiscal Year 1964 Budget to the Congressional Sub-Committee included a note that additional material would be provided by the Deputy Director (Research).

The attached addendum is based on material supplied by the DD/R and is believed to be a suitable treatment of the "R and D" portion of the statement.

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Research and Development

This represents, along with the National Photographic Interpretation Center and Communications, one of the only three areas where there has been any significant increase in either funds or personnel required by the Agency. Funds in the amount requested are considered essential to improve our techniques for the collection and interpretation of intelligence. Clearly we should make every reasonably conceivable effort to push the potentialities of science and technology to the limit to discover and develop new methods and equipment for reading Soviet intentions and determining their capabilities. Such an effort would seem to warrant the highest national priority.

Of the amount budgeted for Research and Development, [REDACTED]

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Also included is approximately [REDACTED] for the improvement of our capacity for read-out of photography which I have mentioned in the context of the importance of our photographic intelligence.

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Research and Development (Cont'd)

The last category within the Research mission, and perhaps the most important, concerns a vigorous and expanded effort which we are initiating to exploit new scientific and technical concepts and apply them to intelligence requirements. Estimated costs for this category of Research in FY 1964 are

Thus far the main emphases have been given to (a) an intensive recruitment effort aimed toward developing the scientific and technical staff, and (b) initiating a modest but meaningful program in external research to provide a base which can be expanded in following months to a more comprehensive undertaking in fuller support of the technical collection effort.

With its as yet relatively small professional staff, the office concerned has undertaken, through the utilization of Government and commercial research facilities, a series of feasibility studies and systems development activities in newly emerging scientific achievements which may have apparent potential for application to technical intelligence collection. A major effort has been devoted to the exploitation of existing media for application to more advanced and sophisticated technical collection systems.

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